North Dakota Teachers' Professional Practices Commission

Department of Public Instruction State Capital Bismarck, North Bakota 58505 701-224-2264

MINUTES -- MAY 19, 1995 and MAY 25, 1995

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1995

The Education Standards and Practices Board meeting was held on Friday,
May 19, 1995, at 8:30 a.m. Members of the Board present were Dr. Doug Johnson,
Linda Davis, Randy Gordon, Maryjane Martens, and secretary Marilyn Ridenhower.
Members of the Board absent were Dr. Mary Harris, Michael Schatz,
Susan Andrews, Louise Dardis, and Don Haugen. Visitor present was
Helen Busche, NDEA.

No action was taken on any items of business due to lack of a quorum.

There was a discussion by the Board concerning the informational meetings held recently across the state.

Secretary Marilyn Ridenhower stated that the Department of Public Instruction wants the ESPB to retain the credentialing that is now done by the Certification Office. It was suggested by Ron Stastney that the review process remain in the Certification Office after July 1, 1995, but that he would sign off on the credentials. Credentialing being kept in the Certification Office would also keep a close relationship between the ESPB Board and DPI. A meeting will be held in the near future with secretary Marilyn Ridenhower, Ron Stastney, Dr. Doug Johnson, and Larry Klundt from the Council of School Administrators regarding credentialing.

The Request for Inquiry case involving Ronnie Lee Smith is on hold due to lack of a quorum.

The Indian Studies course was also discussed by the Board. Currently substitute teachers are exempt from the course, and will remain that way for now.

There was another review by the Board on the 1995-97 proposed budget. They discussed a transfer of funds within the budget from the office equipment and furniture line items to the salaries and wages and travel categories.

The Board reviewed the job description for the assistant director of certification. The position will not necessarily need to be filled by July 1, 1995, but possibly by August 1, 1995.

There will be a conference call among the ESPB members on Thursday, May 25, 1995, at 7:30 a.m. Items to be discussed will be approving the changes on the proposed budget, the assistant director and administrative secretary positions, and the Request for Inquiry for Ronnie Lee Smith.

A demonstration was held by Document Conversion Inc. pertaining to CD-Rom record keeping for our records in the Certification Office.

The next ESPB meeting is scheduled for June 15-16, 1995.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1995

The Education Standards and Practices Board meeting was called to order by vice-chairperson Dr. Doug Johnson via conference call on Thursday, May 25, 1995, at 7:30 a.m. Members of the Board available for the conference call were Dr. Doug Johnson, Linda Davis, Maryjane Martens, Louise Dardis, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Michael Schatz, and secretary Marilyn Ridenhower. Members of the Board who were not available for the call were Dr. Mary Harris and Susan Andrews.

Secretary Marilyn Ridenhower talked to the Board members regarding the changes made in the amended budget for the next biennium.

A motion was made by Michael Schatz and seconded by Don Haugen to approve the proposed budget changes for the 1995-97 biennium. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Randy Gordon and seconded by Maryjane Martens to accept the minutes from the April 21, 1995, ESPB meeting. The motion carried.

The following is the financial report as of April 30, 1995.

FINANCE REPORT

Beginning Balance for Biennium	Expenditures	Biennium Balance
\$17,500.00	\$15,162.00	\$2,338.00

The Request for Inquiry case involving Ellendale School vs. Ronnie Lee Smith was also presented. Secretary Marilyn Ridenhower spoke with someone in the Attorney General's Office and was told to wait for an amendment on the case.

A motion was made by Don Haugen to revoke the teaching certificate for Ronnie Lee Smith pending the final changes to his sentence. The motion was seconded by Louise Dardis. The motion carried.

The conference call ended at approximately 7:45 a.m.

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